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Salve Regina College, Newport, is currently celebrating two anniversaries--- the twenty-fifth year since its inception in 1947-48 and its tenth year of affiliation with the U.S. Naval Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island.

Since the affiliation started, in 1962, students from the nursing division at the four year college of liberal arts and sciences have spent literally thousands of hours in the clinics, wards, operating rooms and offices of the Hospital, as a regular part of their training experience.

"Besides their efficiency and hours of service, the rapport between Salve Regina girls and staff members at the Hospital is excellent," said Lieutenant Commander Florence Lahey, Medical Service Corps, USN (ret.). The twenty-seven year career Navy nurse is presently a faculty member in the College nursing program.

Miss Lahey also indicated student-military family rapport was equally as good.

"Both the College and the Navy are interested in developing morally and ethically responsible nurses, among today's youth," she continued, "and we see this co-operative program as a means of accomplishing this end."

There are 66 student nurses from Salve Regina at the Newport Naval Hospital this semester. Freshmen, 25 in number, are working in the outpatient department, once a week, on a rotating basis. Sophomores, presently numbering 14, work one or two days

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a week in the medical-surgical ward; and 27 Juniors spend two days a week, (Tuesdays and Thursdays) in obstetrics and pediatrics.

The co-operative program makes it possible for Salve's nurses to gain clinical experience without leaving Aquidneck Island.

"Seniors still travel all over the State for specialized experience in the field of their choice," Miss Lahey explained. "With this mutually beneficial arrangement, however, the underclassmen are able to gain practical experience, just a few miles from the campus."

Salve Regina's campus is located in the fashionable Ochre Point section of Newport and incorporates contemporary buildings with seven former opulent estates.

Its four academic year curriculum correlates courses in general education and the liberal arts with professional nursing subjects, which include faculty guided laboratory practice in an assortment of health agencies and hospitals, including the Newport Naval Hospital affiliation.

The nursing division is fully accredited by the Department of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs of the National League of Nursing. The instructor to student ratio of one-to-seven (sometimes one-to-five) is as recommended by the National League of Nurse Education and the American Nurses Association.

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Miss Lahey, who retired from the U.S. Navy in July of 1970, also pointed to the recruiting advantages of the present affiliation.

"Last year, three Salve Regina Seniors applied and were accepted into the Navy Nurse Corps," she pointed out. "Nursing on the Naval Base is the best recruiting device yet."

Students may apply for admission into the Navy Nurse Corps at any time during their Sophomore, Junior or Senior years. If accepted during these last three years, the Navy will exchange two years of service for full financial reimbursement for each year of education.

The three Seniors from the class of 1972 who enlisted at the Boston, Mass. Navy Recruiting Station, Technology Square, are currently stationed at the Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Florida.

They are Ensign Mary E. Carrellas, USN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Carrellas of 11-1/2 Dartmouth Street, Newport, R.I.; Ensign Mary Crowell, USN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Crowell of 25 Raymond Avenue, Beverly, Mass.; and Ensign Judith E. Lombardi, USN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Lombardi of 24 Napoleon Street, Warren, R. I.

Administering the swearing-in oath was Lieutenant Commander Pat McDonald, Navy Nurse Programs Officer for the New England area.

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